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Mubarak back home after Gulf swing

CAIRO, Jan 16. (Agencies): President Hosni Mubarak returned home today after briefing Jordan's King Hussein on the outcome of a Gulf swing during which he sought to unify Arab stands on the Gulf war and the Palestinian problem. The Middle East News Agency said.

Earlier today Mubarak flew to Jordan from Baghdad, Iraq.

A senior Jordanian cabinet minister said the importance of the Aqaba talks lay in their timing — Mubarak starts a tour of European capitals next week before a state visit to Washington.

"He and the King will be trying to consolidate the joint Arab stand adopted at the Amman summit," the minister, who asked not to be named, told Reuters.

The Arab summit in November condemned Iran for its failure to obey a UN Security Council ceasefire order, endorsed the idea of an international Middle East peace conference and allowed Arab states to renew ties with Egypt.

Pledged

Before his stop in Baghdad, Mubarak had visited all six GCC states and pledged Egypt's support if Iran threatened their security.

During his Gulf tour Mubarak was reported to have reviewed contingency plans to counter an Iranian threat, but Egyptian officials said he was not asked to send troops to the area.

Apart from the Gulf, the Egyptian and Jordanian leaders were also expected to discuss

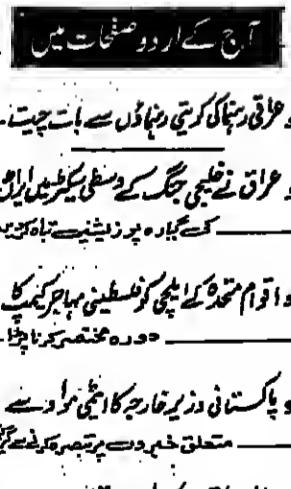
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Business survey on Japan

Arab Times will publish a 16-page supplement on Japan tomorrow.

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WEATHER

CLOUDY to partly cloudy weather with moderate southerly wind and a chance for rain later.
State of sea: moderate to rough
High water: 9.00 am, 1.00 pm
Sunrise: 6.45 am
Sunset: 5.13 pm
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UN envoy condemns harsh Israeli measures

LONDON, Jan 16. (Agencies): United Nations envoy Marrack Goulding accused Israel today of using "unduly harsh" methods to restore order in the riot-torn West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The UN undersecretary-general also blamed the Israeli government for pursuing policies he said had created "despair" and "hopelessness" among Palestinian refugees and led to violence.

Riot police charged into the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock mosques yesterday after worshippers beat up a policeman and stole his pistol during some of the worst clashes ever seen on the Temple Mount.

The interview was laced hours before the envoy narrowly missed being caught up in rioting in the West Bank refugee camp.

Accused

Goulding acknowledged Israel's right to maintain order in the occupied territories, but accused the security forces of over-reacting in quelling Palestinian demonstrations.

"What we are complaining about is first of all the methods that are being used to maintain law and order, which I think in the judgment of the whole of the international community has been unduly harsh and has been disproportionate to the threat posed by the demonstrators," he said.

"Secondly, and on a rather wider basis, we are very concerned about the despair that exists amongst the Palestinian population in the occupied territories, the feeling they have that there is no peace process under way, that their land is being gradually taken away through the Israeli settlement and other policies of the Israeli government, that there is economic discrimination against them."

He said it was the feeling of hopelessness among Palestinians, "especially in the refugee camps" their conditions are pretty bad — which has led to this kind of crisis."

Israeli troops were out in force in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today, but few incidents were reported one day.

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South and N. Korea exchange threats

SEOUL, Jan 16. (Reuter): South Korea launched a diplomatic offensive against the communist North today as Pyongyang continued to deny it was behind the bombing of a Southern airliner with 115 people on board.

North Korea also threatened "decisive retaliation" against "provocation" from the South.

South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Kwang-Soo vowed the South would make every possible diplomatic effort to punish Pyongyang for the destruction of the plane.

A woman who said she was a North Korean agent confessed at a televised news conference yesterday that she had helped plant the bomb on board a Seoul-bound Korean Air Lines jet on Nov 29.

Issued

Choi said Seoul was withdrawing guidelines issued in Sept 1987 which allowed South Korean diplomats to talk more freely to North Koreans at diplomatic functions.

Assistant Foreign Minister Park Soo-Gil said Seoul had also asked Japan to cut "all its human



Palestinians run away to avoid the tear gas fired by Israeli troops on Jerusalem's Temple Mount on Friday. (Rauter wirephoto)

Siamese twins inoperable

Deformed hearts dash all hopes of survival

By Jadranka Porter

A SERIES of cardiac checks which revealed severe deformities in Siamese twins born in Kuwait last week dashed hopes of their survival. The twins yesterday underwent seven hours of highly specialised examinations at the Chest Diseases Hospital with doctors trying to find a way of saving the life of at least one girl through surgery, which was tentatively scheduled for today.

But at 5.00 pm yesterday they were forced to concede they were helpless and pronounce the two girls as "inoperable."

Ventilation

"This is such a complicated cardiac case that nothing can be done for them, neither here nor anywhere else in the world," said Atif Fouad, consultant anaesthetist at Ibn Sina hospital.

Levy denied that police fired tear gas into the mosque or beat worshippers but said policemen entered Al Aqsa and body-searched each person going out until they found the pistol.

In the Balata refugee camp near Nablus on the West Bank, troops dispersed demonstrators today with tear gas and rubber bullets, cutting short the visit by Goulding.

UN spokesman William Lee said Goulding, who is investigating five weeks of unrest in the territories which has left 39 Palestinians dead, spent an hour touring the camp.

He had been talking to refugees and visiting homes when an Israeli Army patrol on a nearby street fired the gas and rubber bullets, apparently at youths who had thrown stones.

Levy said Goulding then decided to leave.

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Arms cut prospects may be wrecked: Gorbachev

Star Wars: a bottleneck

MOSCOW, Jan 16. (Reuter): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has signalled the US "Star Wars" anti-missile defence project could wreck prospects for cuts in strategic weaponry.

The Kremlin message was delivered in a speech reported by the official Tass news agency today to members of a new international committee on the survival of humanity.

"If the arms race moves out into space, it would bring destabilisation and that is why as a matter of principle it is impossible to agree with such a thought," he said.

View

"Our view is that . . . it is impossible to work on disarmament in some areas and extend the arms race in others," Gorbachev added in what analysts said was a clear reference to Star Wars, formally known as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

At a Moscow news conference earlier today, senior Soviet official representing the Foreign Ministry and the armed forces expressed optimism that a Start accord could be reached.

Gorbachev told the new com-

mittee that if space became an arena for military competition "first of all, the threat to mankind would be preserved, and secondly, the waste of resources would continue."

"We are firm supporters of moving forward without slowing the tempo of disarmament, and in this area we are ready to go a long way," he told the committee, which includes leading American scientists and public figures.

He said Moscow's constructive attitude had been shown in the long negotiations leading up to December's Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty which he signed in Washington.

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INTERNATIONAL

US studying Indo-Soviet submarine deal

WASHINGTON, Jan 16. (AP): The US government is studying a leasing arrangement reached between India and the Soviet Union for a nuclear-powered submarine, the State Department said last night.

The Soviet news agency Tass announced last week that the Soviets, India's main weapons supplier, would lend the submarine to the Indians for training purposes.

"We are studying the implications of this development, the leasing of this nuclear-powered submarine from the USSR, which clearly introduces a new weapons technology into the South Asian region," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

"We are discussing this with the governments concerned, and seeking further information," he added.

Clarifications

The United States has asked India for clarifications and the subject was also broached by US Ambassador-at-large Richard Kennedy at this week's round of nuclear non-proliferation consultations with the Soviet Union in Geneva, Redman said.

Another official said the United States knows the submarine will not carry any weapons, in keeping with the Soviet and Indian assurances. But he added that it could be harnessed for the production of such weapons.

The United States opposes the Soviet-Indian arrangement because it objects to any transfer of nuclear power reactors to countries lacking appropriate safeguards, Redman said.

India refuses to sign the international Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would open its installations to international supervision and oblige it to maintain certain safeguards.

Reagan free of cancer

WASHINGTON, Jan 16. President Reagan, buoyed in spirit by steady news on the US trade balance, has received a clean bill of health from his doctors after a semi-annual medical checkup.

The doctors said the results of Reagan's four-hour physical examination on Friday showed that the country's oldest President was fit and free of the cancer which caused him to have major intestinal surgery in 1985.

"The tests indicate the President is in excellent health," Army Colonel John Hutton, the White House physician, said in a statement after the 76-year-old President had completed his twice-yearly checkup.

Hutton said doctors had found no polyps — tiny growths excised from Reagan's colon during each previous physical since his cancer operation two and one-half years ago — and he said other tests, including a cat-scan, chest X-ray and stress test were normal.

US response 'inadequate' on halting aid to Afghan rebels

Soviets keen on early pullout

MOSCOW, Jan 16. (Agencies): Mikail Gorbachev has reiterated that the Soviet Union wants the "earliest possible" settlement in Afghanistan but said the United States has not given in "adequate response" about stopping aid to Afghan rebels.

Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze said on Jan 6 that he hopes Soviet troops will leave Afghanistan in 1983. and Pravda has said a troop pullout could start as early as May 1 if there is a settlement.

Gorbachev told US Industrialist Armand Hammer Friday that the Soviet delegation had made serious and constructive proposals about Afghanistan at the Washington summit of Dec 7-10, the Tass news agency said.

Geneva talks

"We haven't yet received an adequate response from the US administration, and that's a pity since such a settlement could set an example of a new approach to solving regional problems."

Aquino appeals for peaceful polls

Four more die in Philippines

MANILA, Jan 16. (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino appealed for calm today as the Philippines headed into the final stretch of an election campaign that has taken 86 lives.

But violence continued as a landmine in the south ripped a jeep in half and killed four people, including two candidates and a candidate's wife.

"Let's have clear, peaceful and orderly elections," Aquino told a crowd of 10,000 at a campaign rally in Manila, as military sharpshooters peered down from rooftops.

The military has deployed thousands of troops to prevent further bloodshed before Monday's election for more than 16,000 local government positions around the country.

Hopes renewed for release of hostage

Genscher confers with Assad

DAMASCUS, Jan 16. (Reuters): West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher held talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad today amid renewed hopes for the imminent release of West German hostage Rudolf Cordes in Lebanon.

High-ranking Syrian Foreign Ministry officials said Damascus had intensified its efforts to gain the release of foreigners missing in Lebanon and believed kidnapped by militant pro-Iranian groups.

Genscher discussed the hostage issue with Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara after he arrived in Syria on Friday for an official visit. West German Foreign Ministry spokesman Jurgen

Chrobog told Reuters. "Genscher expressed Germany's thanks to Syria for the role it played with other parties to obtain the release of former hostage Alfred Schmidt and expressed hope that similar efforts be exerted for Cordes," Chrobog said.

Negotiations

Cordes, who enters his second year in captivity on Sunday, and Schmidt, who was freed in September, were seized by a group calling itself the Freedom Strugglers to retaliation for the arrest of Lebanese hijack suspect Mohammed Ali Hamadi in Frankfurt.

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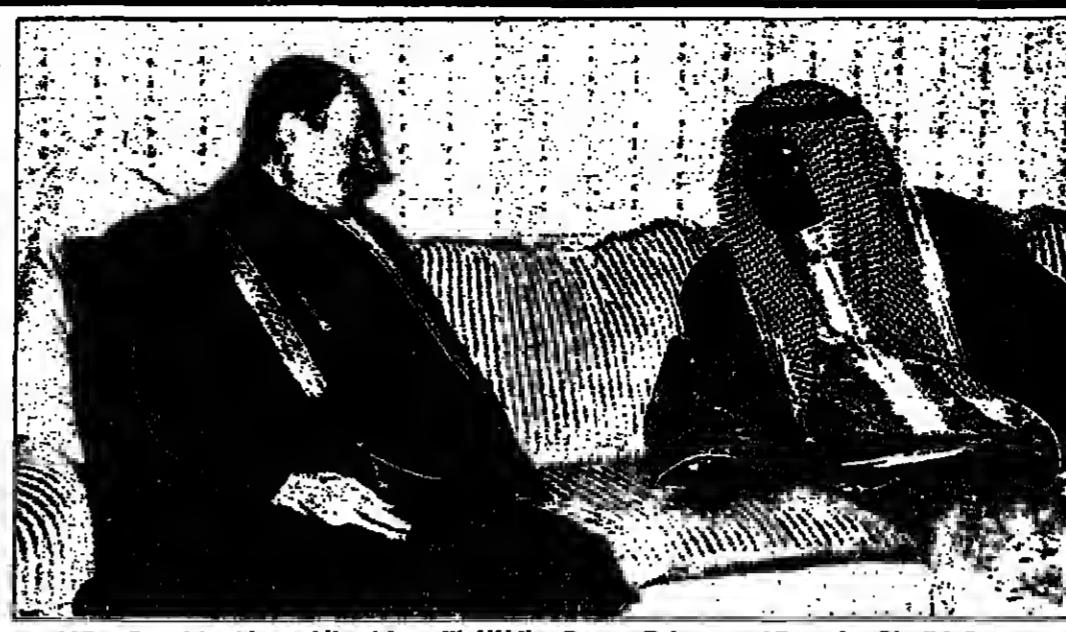
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Iraqi Vice-President Izzat Ibrahim with HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad.

Kuwait and Tunis sign charter to boost ties

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, yesterday received at the Council of Ministers, chairman of Tunis Municipality Mohammed Ali Boliman and the delegation accompanying him on the occasion of his visit to Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Abdul Rahman Khalid Al-Ghunaim, the director general of Arab Cities Organization, and the Tunisian Ambassador to Kuwait.

A fraternity charter was signed between Kuwait and Tunis for boosting the existing relations between the two cities.

The charter was signed on the Kuwaiti side by Ghunaim and

Boliman signed for the Tunisian side.

The new step gives the two cities a distinguished relationship and strengthens bilateral relations in cultural, social, economic and tourism fields in addition to youth activities.

Extension Boliman expressed happiness over signing the charter.

The charter of fraternity is a natural extension of historic ties that link the two cities and the two peoples of Kuwait and Tunisia, he said. Commending the Kuwaiti contributions in the Tunisian comprehensive advancement, adding that it is a reflection of the two countries' effort to develop their relationship.

Syria has been pressuring Syria, Iran's main Arab ally, to patch up relations with Iraq in efforts to help end the Iran-Iraq war.

Syrian officials have been trying to arrange talks between Iran and the Arab states of the Gulf aimed at halting attacks on shipping in the area and ending the war.

The United Arab Emirates on Sunday sent an emissary to Tehran to help arrange a dialogue between Iran and members of GCC.

Diplomatic sources said Ibrahim probably sought to reassure Kuwaiti leaders Iraq can contain any Iranian attempt to capture the southern Iraqi port of Basra just 50 miles (80 km) from Kuwait City.

The deputy chief engineer said the construction administration was currently working on projects of the Education Ministry which include kindergartens, buildings, an indoor swimming pool, religious institutes, education centres, schools and laboratories.

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Working on adopting family doctor system

KUWAIT'S Health Ministry was seriously working on adopting the family doctor method, the acting undersecretary, Ibrahim Al Mufid, said yesterday.

He said that most studies on medical care showed that this method was the best for providing primary health services.

He explained that the family doctor specialised in providing comprehensive medical care to all family members irrespective of their age or sex. The main advantage was that the family doctor was always in close touch with his patients and knew their ailments and how to treat them.

Contracts signed

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti yesterday signed three contracts with local companies to develop the pavements and pedestrian passages in the country's first three areas.

Each contract costs one million and KD250,000 and will be finished in 730 days, and provides for constructing and maintaining new pavements on the main roads and around the public facilities.

Addressing owners of the companies and reporters, the minister said the project has moral value as it concerns the public, and has direct relation with landscaping of Kuwait to which HH the Amir pays special attention.

The minister urged the citizens to cooperate in this regard with the contractors, and not to plant trees with deep roots which hinder achievement of the work.

Drainage water treatment

THE director of the general networks department at the Public Works Ministry, Adel Bu Hamad, has said that the treatment of drainage water was carried out according to international hygiene requirements in order to achieve the best results.

He said that the ministry had selected the best methods to suit Kuwait's soil and water.

Half the treated water was utilised and the rest disposed in the sea.

He said it would require millions of dinars to provide piped treated water to the farms in Abdali and Wafra because the farms were very far from the water treatment stations. The alternative was to provide ground water.

He said treated water could not be supplied to public or private gardens for sanitary reasons.

He said that treated water could be used if the agricultural area was fenced, far from the public and used the latest irrigation equipment.

Meeting blames Arab disunity

Palestinian issue relegated

ARAB physicians and pharmacists in Kuwait participated in a meeting recently organised by the Kuwait Medical Society, to express solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories.

After the welcome address, given by the society's chairman Dr Abdullah Al Rasheed, the chairman of the Palestinian Physicians Union Dr Mahmoud Abu Hashish spoke about the unrest in the occupied territories, which he said, was the result of Arab disunity and the international political situation. He added that the Palestinian cause was becoming a secondary issue because of the Iraq-Iran war and Arab disunity.

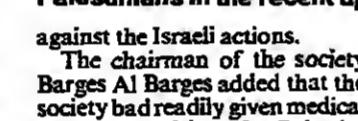
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The secretary of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society Dr Bassam Al Qasrawi said that Israeli forces used dangerous and illegal weapons to halt the unrest among the unarmed Palestinians adding that Israelis also broke into hospitals and prevented medical staff from treating injured Palestinians.

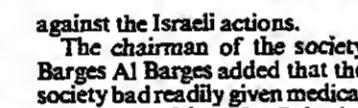
The revolution of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is terrifying the Israelis, Saleem Al Zaanoun, the Deputy Chairman of the Palestinian National Council, said in his remarks to the group. He called on Palestinians to restore their legitimate rights and called on the Kuwait Red Crescent Society and medical societies to take part in a voyage from a European port to Palestine to carry Palestinians expelled from their country. He added that the ship would carry the United Nations flag and the voyage would be an expression of protest against the Israeli actions.



A number of speakers participated in a recent meeting of physicians and pharmacists to express solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied territories.



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ians in refugee camps and asked that an organised plan for Arab medical and Red Crescent societies to support the revolution.

The meeting was attended by British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Steven Eagerton.

Trefgarnie called this afternoon on Major General Talal Salem Al Mafdi, Commander of the Saudi Royal Naval Forces.

The meeting was attended by Brigadier Prince Fahd Bin Abdullah, the Vice Commander of the naval forces and the British ambassador.

Information officials meet in Riyadh

RIYADH, Jan 16. (Kuna): The fourth meeting for the information undersecretaries in the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council begins here today to discuss a host of topics relating to information cooperation.

During the three-day meeting the GCC officials are scheduled to discuss a detailed report on information cooperation march by the member states and a number of papers prepared by the GCC secretariat on bolstering television and radio cooperation and the exchange of news and programmes.

The first meeting for the GCC information undersecretaries was held in Abu Dhabi September 1982.

In Abu Dhabi today, it was announced that UAE Information and Culture Ministry undersecretary Abdullah Al Nowayes has left this morning for Riyadh heading a delegation to take part in the meeting of the information undersecretaries.

UK minister in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Jan 16. (Kuna): Assistant Defence and Aviation Minister for Military Affairs Othman Al Humaid received here today the visiting British Minister of State for Defence Lord Trefgarnie and his accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Steven Eagerton.

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New KAC official honoured

ROME, Jan 16. (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to Italy Ahmad Ghaitab Abdulla hosted a banquet in honour of the new director of Kuwait Airways office in Italy, Sabah Shamas.

Directors of Arab airways companies, Alitalia's director of international relations and members of Arab Gulf embassies here attended the dinner.

Shamas' switched positions with former director of the Kuwait corporation office here Badi Al Ameri who was transferred to Abu Dhabi.

Senator Specter

ABU DHABI, Jan 16. (Kuna): US Senator John Specter arrived here today from Manama, Bahrain, on a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Specter will have talks with a number of senior UAE officials over the Gulf developments and other issues of common interest.



Dr Atel Fouda explains the complicated cardiac condition in the Siamese twins following the examinations yesterday.



The twins are kept alive artificially.

Efforts to provide best services to campers

SEVERAL meetings to discuss ways of rendering the best service to campers were held recently under the chairmanship of the Health Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, who is chairman of the Environment Protection Committee.

The meetings were attended by members of the environment protection committee and representatives of authorities participating in the camping services.

Dr Al Awadi praised the efforts to protect the environment, particularly the desert, and said that Kuwait was a pioneer in this field.

Shoulder
The camping service committee selected Doha, Mishref and Mina Abdulla as camping areas.

A member of the committee called on citizens to shoulder their responsibilities and ensure

the success of the camping service campaign, adding that citizens should do this by following the instructions and recommendations which the participating authorities would announce through the media.

The leader of the scouts camp said the services this year would be excellent compared to those in the past.

Patrols
Many citizens praised the efforts of the authorities to provide services to campers, especially the Interior Ministry for supplying patrols for security purposes.

A member of the camping services committee, Jassem Al Shati, said there were no significant problems this year, with only some infringements in Mina Abdulla area. He said that scouts were helping citizens by distributing garbage bags.

Jaafar meets Saudi minister

RIYADH, Jan 16. (Kuna): Kuwait Information Ministry Undersecretary Abdell Aziz Jaafar met here today with Saudi Information Minister Ali Al-Shaer.

Saudi Press Agency said Jaafar relayed a message from Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al-Ahmed to his Saudi counterpart.

Al Shaer hoped international cooperation between the two countries would boost bilateral rapprochement in favour of Arab and Islamic issues.

Jaafar arrived here last night to participate in the 4th session of GCC information undersecretaries.

One-day salary cut

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water will deduct an equivalent of one-day pay of its employees' salaries in contribution to the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied land.

The decision was taken in conformity with an earlier cabinet directive calling all government and private institutions' employees to donate a one-day salary in support of the steadfastness of the Palestinian people.

Alawi sends message to Turkey

ANKARA, Jan 16. (Kuna): The Turkish Foreign Minister Mewsum Yilmaz today received a message from Oman's Minister of state for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi Bin Abdulrahman, dealing with means of stepping up bilateral relations in the various fields. Oman News Agency reported.

The message was delivered to the Turkish minister by Oman's Ambassador to Turkey Abdullah Bin Said Al Baluchi at a meeting in Ankara today.

250 jailed for annoying women

RIYADH, Jan 16. (Reuter): Saudi 250 men were jailed in Saudi Arabia's capital Riyadh last year for annoying women in public places, a senior police officer told Al-Riyadh newspaper.

He did not say if any foreigners were among those jailed in the city, which has an estimated 1.5 million population.

Under strict Islamic (sharia) law in Saudi Arabia, women are required to cover themselves from head to toe in public.

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EVENTS

Going Places

Support theatre, urges Al Faraj

By Lima Khalafawi

A LEADING Kuwaiti actor has urged the government to support the theatre movement with "more money and space for buildings." Kuwaiti comedian Saad Al Faraj said the theatre needs government support to thrive and improve.

They lack the technical facilities to improve it, he said.

Al Faraj's new comedy *Hatha Seifo wa Hatha Khatma* is to be staged in March this year. The play shows the changes and developments of the last 40 years in Kuwait's society.

"Kuwait has not changed. The old habits and traditions are still intact," said Al Faraj.

War and conflict has encouraged the production of comedies, he said. "Spectators seek an opportunity to laugh to get out of the stress of daily routine," he explained. After

the Gulf war began, he said, more and more light-hearted plays have been produced.

"The war has inspired many writers with ideas to offset the grim atmosphere in the Arab world," he said.

The history of theatre in Kuwait is recent. Theatre began only 30 years ago. "The movement has grown tremendously in this short span," he said.

Faraj believes that the success of a play depends largely on the talent of performers. "Actors and actresses work really hard to prove their talent. And they have been appreciated by the audience," he said.

He feels the continuity of the theatre movement depends on the graduates from the Institute of Theatrical Arts. "The new actors and actresses are the hope of the future," said Al Faraj, whose career began way

back in 1957. Al Faraj started his career with the Popular Theatre in 1974, he joined the Al Arabi theatre and worked there until he formed his own group, the National Theatre Company.

Faraj has scripted several plays and has acted in over 20 dramas and 50 serials. Live in *Sei*, a play by Al Faraj, was the most successful. It was translated into English and staged in Louisville, Kentucky, US. Among his other well-known plays is *The Defender*, which ran for two months in a Kuwait theatre. The *Defender* was a political satire on democracy and netted a profit of KD 88,000.

"The *Defender* shows how everyone must uphold and defend democracy, even if it involves sacrifice," he said. At the moment, Al Faraj is rehearsing for his next play, which opens in March.



Saad Al Faraj: defender



A Bharata Natyam number



Wolfram Lorenzen (above), will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Jan 19. Lorenzen, billed as one of the rising stars, will play a selection of music by such composers as Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and Ravel.

Lorenzen studied music under Professor Klaus Linder in Basle and later mastered the art with Wilhelm Kempff.

Carnatic music at cultural show

CARNATIC music flowed as the Tamil-speaking community in Kuwait on Friday celebrated — Pongal, the harvest festival, ranked as the most important festival in Tamil Nadu. It was a dual celebration for the Tamil-speakers as they also participated in the prolonged festivities begun last August, for the 40th independence of India.

It was organised by the Bharathi Kalai Mandram, grouping 120 Tamil-speaking families, including some bachelors.

An ambitious show, it brought 125 people on stage. It was a day for children — some 86 presented a variety of dances ranging from the folk to the more modern. Their performance was marred slightly by the faculty sound system, which played havoc, and some off-key music. A group of children, sang two patriotic songs — Hail India and Land of the Palm Groves, penned by an Indian scientist and poet, Dr T. C. Gopal, now living in Kuwait.

The theme of the show was unity in diversity, and as such the Tamil-speakers emphasised



A view of the audience.

on the works of the Tamil poet Subrahmanyam Bharati. He spoke about unity and patriotism long before India gained independence.

Several items showed India's diverse culture including Punjabi. Highlights of the programme were kummi, a group dance traditionally performed by unmarried girls on Pongal; a temple dance, tribal dance from eastern India, Bharatha Natyam and instrumental music. The show was organised by a committee formed by the Bharathi Kalai Mandram (BKM), and convened under Dr T.C. Doraisamy.



Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha (second right) pictured with guests at the show.

WHAT'S ON

THEATRE

KLT-Comedy

The next production at KLT is a comedy *Say Who You Are*, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office two days before the performance date.

FILMS

British Council

Soft Targets, a feature film made with all the style and mastery of spy thrillers, will be shown tonight at 6.30 pm at the British Council. The film offers many pertinent and highly amusing insights to the East-West relationship. 90 minutes duration. Admission free but reservations must be made. Tel: 2515112.

SOCIAL

Sargam Music Show

Sargam, a local group, will hold a music show at Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.30 pm on Feb 3. A selection of popular Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and English songs will be presented. Entertainment also includes fire dance, lava dance and a magic show. For details phone 3260455, 7 am to 3 pm.

Japan Week Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Science Club.

The following events will be held at the Hilton Hotel Jan 22: children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on loan from the 1987 International Art Exhibition held in Yokohama. Open from 4 to 9 pm on Jan 22. From Jan 23 to 25, open from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 9 pm. Jan 23: seminar on Japanese education; 9 am to 1 pm; Ikehama School — 11 am to 1 pm; piano concert by Cairo-based pianist JUNKO Nakayama. Jan 24, Ikehama School, 11 am to 1 pm; martial arts and tea ceremony.

Seven films will be shown during the Week in the Hilton's Terrace room. All films are in Japanese, with Arabic subtitles. Jan 22, 4 pm, Snow Fairy; 7 pm, the Makioka sisters. Jan 23, 4 pm, The Dragon Boy; 7 pm, Sanjuri, directed by Kurosawa. Jan 24, 4 pm, The Yamashita Story (judo story); 7 pm, The Longest Tunnel. Jan 25: Tora San's Forbidden Love, a comedy, 7 pm.

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm.

A token admission fee will be charged for some events. For further details, and confirmation of schedule, contact Tel: 2518155/2518440 or the Japanese Society 2533000 ext 1156.

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club Quiz night on Wednesday, Jan 20. For details phone Jon Evans 5339867 or Tony Sole 5330507.

Winter Serenade The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade will be an evening to remember — baute cuisine, music, sparkling and show stoppers, nostalgic ballards, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey. Ros Langhorne and Glennie Mackie. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Mendiain Hotel, on Feb 1, 2, and 3. Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695 or 5730641.

Ladies Tea Party

A sartorial fashion show will be held at the International Ladies Tea Party on Jan 20 (Wednesday) from 4.30 pm at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. For details phone 5317390. 5386297.

Kuwait Caledonians

Kuwait Caledonians will hold Burns Night at 7.30 pm on Jan 28 at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guest speaker will be Bob Crempsey. For details phone 5610673.

Neelam Ghar

Neelam Ghar, a quiz show, will be held on Jan 22 at Carlton Tower Hotel. Admission by invitation only. Details phone Zulfikar or Anees 4814733; 2427388; 2445324 or Haroon Suyeed — 5659336, 1156.

Konkani Drama

The New G.O.A. presents Freddy J. D'Costa's play *Utt Goyinkara* on Jan 17 (3 pm). The troupe from Goa, including Jacinto Vaz, will perform at the New Indian Arts Circle hall in Finaittees. Transport available from city. For reservations contact the Raja Stores.

Piano Concert

German pianist Wolfram Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8 pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Listz and Chopin. For further details contact the hotel.

Kuwait Singers

Rehearsals for the May concert will begin on Monday, Jan 18, 7.30 pm in the Sunshine School, Salwa, and will be held every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakia features lunch and dinner, open 24 hours, children under 10 years free if accompanied by adults; offer limited to four. Sunday's ladies day with 50 per cent discount for them.

At the SAS

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At the Rameda Al Salam Daily lunch, chef's special, and dinner buffet at Coffee Shop; from Sunday to Friday, steak and seafood specialties featured for dinner at El Merissa Restaurant, open from 7 pm to 1.30 am. Family brunch on Fridays from 12 noon to 3 pm. Highlights will be: magician, painting competition, games and ship's discovery tour.

At the Hilton Specialty menu featured in Fairlakka, open for lunch and dinner; grazing menu also available in addition to desserts.

At the Continental

Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and 'a la carte' for dinner.

At the Sheraton

Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the gypsy band Camerata. For lunch, Hunt Room offers a la carte. Trabouche on the roof is held every Sunday in Al Hamra Night Club. Music by the World Machine band. The Riccardo features a selection of Italian cuisine with music by the Moonlight Duo.

At the Meridian

A two-week promotion featuring giant croissants, and croissant sandwiches, is being held in the Al Wahda and Al Firdous restaurant. The promotion continues until the end of the month.

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Konkani Drama

The New G.O.A. presents Freddy J. D'Costa's play *Utt Goyinkara* on Jan 17 (3 pm). The troupe from Goa, including Jacinto Vaz, will perform at the New Indian Arts Circle hall in Finaittees. Transport available from city. For reservations contact the Raja Stores.

Piano Concert

German pianist Wolfram Lorenzen will give a recital on Jan 19 (8 pm) in the Grand Ballroom of the Kuwait Hilton. He will play works by Ravel, Schumann, Listz and Chopin. For further details contact the hotel.

Kuwait Singers

Rehearsals for the May concert will begin on Monday, Jan 18, 7.30 pm in the Sunshine School, Salwa, and will be held every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

YOU cannot climb the ladder of success with cold feet of fear — Anonymous.

Bonn-Moscow ties enjoying a thaw

By Bjorn Edlund

BONN, (Reuter): Most West Germans no longer see the Soviet Union as having aggressive designs, a view that appears reflected in improved relations between Bonn and Moscow.

The new mood is underscored by a visit next week by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the highest-ranking Moscow official to come to Bonn in five years.

Soviet diplomats said Shevardnadze would discuss a future visit by Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev during his talks here on Jan 18 and 19.

Links, never easy between the World War Two enemies, turned frosty in 1986 when Chancellor Helmut Kohl compared Gorbachev's publicity skills with those of Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels.

But diplomats and government officials say the Soviet Union is keen to normalise relations, seeing Bonn as a key piece in the global political and strategic puzzle.

Helped

This desire was underlined last month when Gorbachev rolled out the red carpet for Franz Josef Strauss — premier of Bavaria and West Germany's leading right-wing politician.

Strauss, who for decades warned against Moscow's alleged striving to dominate the West, said after three hours of talks with Gorbachev that the Soviet Union had now turned over a new leaf.

"The post-war era is over. A new chapter has been opened," Strauss said, adding the Kremlin had abandoned any aggressive plans.

Most West Germans agree with Strauss.

According to Defence Ministry figures, only 24 per cent see the Soviet Union as a military threat; the lowest figure since such polls were begun 25 years ago.

Valentin Falin, former Soviet ambassador here and now head of the Novosti press agency, said Strauss' visit had brought Moscow and Bonn closer. "The basis for developing relations has been widened. Strauss forms part of this broader spectrum."

"Without wanting to pay compliments, the role (of Bonn) should not be underestimated. This is not only true for developments in Europe, but also beyond," Falin said in a newspaper interview.

From preparing for a Gorbachev visit, Shevardnadze, is expected to discuss coming talks on cutting the superpowers' strategic missiles, a ban on chemical weapons and balancing conventional forces.

Bonn officials said the issue of emigration of ethnic Germans from the Soviet Union would also be raised.

Chance

Kohl has said he wants Gorbachev to visit in the first half of 1988, during Bonn's presidency of the European Economic Community.

But a Soviet diplomat said Gorbachev would come only after he meets President Ronald Reagan, if their Moscow summit is held as planned in May or June.

"If that meeting doesn't take place, there will be no trip (by Gorbachev) to West Germany," he said.

Foreign Minister Hans-

US expects pro-Army victor in Haiti polls

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): The United States appears resigned to seeing a pro-military victor in today's election in Haiti, but seems ready to deal — albeit coldly — with the new president.

"If we want to serve US interests in terms of anti-narcotics cooperation, refugee flows — and the humane interests of the Haitian people — then you have to prefigure some relationship with the new government, however distant," a senior US official said.

But this pragmatic approach has been rejected by several Haitian opposition leaders and some members of the US Congress.

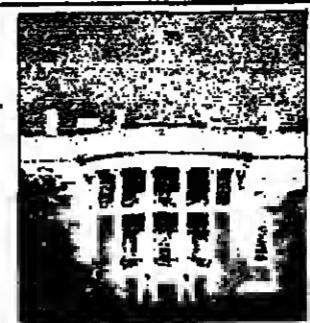
They have called for stern action to force the provincial government of Lieutenant-General Henri Namphy to postpone today's heavily-orchestrated ballot and allow free and fair voting to take place.

Front page stories on growing unrest in Israeli-occupied areas is an embarrassment

US uses UN vote as political pressure

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



The US Deputy Ambassador to the UN, Herbert Okun votes for a Security Council resolution asking Israel not to deport Palestinians. (Reuter wirephoto)

No doubt, it was not only unemployment, the limited freedoms and the fact that all hopes for a peace initiative had petered out, but also the recognition that the Arab-Israeli conflict had come to be overshadowed by the rising bellicosity of the Iran-Iraq war. When the Arab moderates held their last summit meeting in Amman, Jordan last November, the West Bank and Gaza issue was relegated to the bottom of their agenda.

Whatever the origins of the continuing demonstrations, they have drawn attention to a festering boil nobody seems to be able to lance. The Israeli government is at a total impasse politically and there is little hope, in view of the opinion pollsters, that the coming elections in November will bring about a change. There is an outside chance, though, that the problem of the occupied territories will become a pivotal issue in the election campaign and lead to a debate of how to meet this threat to Israel's international peace.

There is also the problem that there is nobody in the occupied

territories with whom to negotiate. Partly, this is Israel's fault because, as the New York Times put it, it dismantled virtually all Palestinian authority.

Leading Palestinian moderates have either been dismissed from the positions that gave them some power, or they have been assassinated by Palestinian radicals. Thus, the Palestinians who stand to gain the most from a compromise peace settlement with Israel in terms of their own security and their winning a definite political identity, lack the kind of leader who is capable of creating a consensus among their flock.

Yasser Arafat, the leader of the PLO, has proved to have remarkable resilience, but with Israel opposed to him and King Hussein distrusting him, he is not seen here as an interlocutor or as one who can unite the various Palestinian factions.

King Hussein, it is believed here, is genuinely anxious to bring the conflict with Israel to an end. But he too does not have the political strength to negotiate directly and publicly with Israel. Hence, his advocacy of an international peace conference. The United States, which for a long time opposed such a conference, because it would enhance Soviet power in the Middle Eastern region, is now supporting it and so are the Soviets, even Syria does not anymore object to it.

But in an election year in Israel and in the United States the chances for such a conference taking place are remote.

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Israel's inflexibility could affect American public opinion more generally and they have been implying the Israeli government to be more active in seeking peaceful solutions to the short and long-term problems in the West Bank and Gaza.

They are trying to impress on it that unless it seeks peace more actively, Israel's security in a sea of a rapidly multiplying Arab population will become increasingly harder to maintain.

However, the Likud party does not believe that there is any urgency in taking the kind of steps that could point the way to a peace settlement with the Arabs. They are convinced that the kind of demonstrations that are now active in the occupied territories cannot be maintained for a long time.

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Lesson

The welcome Egypt President Hosni Mubarak is being now among Gulf states cited as an indication of whether the real threat to the Arab world lies. Egypt, as the most powerful military force in the Middle East next to Israel, can and may have to play a protective role, but Mubarak does not have either the appetite or the daring to step into the empty shoes of President Anwar Sadat as a mediator between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians.

Yet to assume that the status quo is durable, that it could continue indefinitely and that Israel over the long run, could protect itself against outside and inside enemies, would mean shoving an incredible economic political and military burden.

It makes Americans more than uncomfortable, for there are growing limits to what the United States will be willing to do in support of Israel.

They do not want to face the kind of crisis that would shift much of these burdens onto their own shoulders. It is for these reasons that the Reagan administration voted against Israel in the Security Council. It wanted to impress on Israel that it must not take American support for granted in all circumstances.

Charm school polishes young Asian officials

By Ruth Youngblood

SINGAPORE, (UPI): Koh Sook Wah, a financial analyst with a major American firm, exudes confidence in the business world but nearly panicked recently at a puzzling array of cutlery and goblets adorning a dining table.

Diplomats said that although there could be no talk yet of a budding "special relationship" between Bonn and Moscow, even normalisation would probably bring back fears within Nato of German neutrality.

West Germany's post-war constitution pledges to strive for reunification with communist East Germany.

Strauss said he had not been contradicted when he told Gorbachev there were "two German states in one nation," but no one expects real movement toward uniting Germany in the foreseeable future.

East-West experts said Moscow wanted to keep the highly emotive "German card," not play it. The Kremlin sees the power bloc division of Europe as essential to stability.

The Soviets want Washington to control West Germany, just as they control East Germany," said one leading West German expert on Soviet affairs, who asked not to be identified.

"Moscow does not want to drive the United States out of Europe. France or Britain could not control West Germany, and a unified, neutral Germany would be too big for them all."

Join

A generation of well-educated and ambitious Asian professionals eager to join the international giants are turning in droves to agencies and counselors specializing in executive grooming.

"If you want to move up in a multinational organization, you have to learn how the Western world and mind operates," said Catherine Chee, a Qantas airlines management trainee delighted with her newly cultivated outspokenness.

"If I don't look good and sound good, it won't matter how many degrees I have, I'll just be regarded as someone not worth paying attention to."

Unprepared

Students enter classes out of "a kind of desperation," said Walter Jayawardan, an instructor at the Singapore branch of John Robert Powers, a firm best known for American modelling and charm schools. "They are very disciplined, have the right educational qualifications, the ability to do their jobs very well and tremendous drive."

Then the unexpected happens. They're invited to a company dinner, asked to give a presentation or just take an important customer out to lunch, and they're totally

unprepared."

Six men and women at an elegantly-set dining table take careful notes as another Powers instructor explains what fork and knife to use when, where goblets go for water, red and white wine and the functions of six different plates.

Many companies aren't waiting for promising employees to sign up themselves. Corporate heavyweights such as AT&T, Hewlett-Packard, Deloitte, and the Banque Nationale de Paris pick up a \$500 tab for employees they deem in need of polishing.

Customized to using chopsticks or fingers, she had no idea what to do with seven pieces of silverware, three glasses and four plates at her first formal company dinner.

That dinner was a real eye-opener, said Koh, who avoided a humiliating faux pas by watching her companions so carefully she couldn't engage in conversation.

"There was a whole world of Western social graces I knew nothing about."

"Asians are fairly reticent," said Y.Y. See, 38, recently named Toastmaster of the Year. "Not to be able to speak confidently and being apprehensive about public speaking are significant handicaps."

Uneasy

See, finance manager for a large British company, recalled how he used to "hide a cloak of shyness and stumble through explanations" until joining the Singapore version of the club which originated in California 64 years ago.

"Unfortunately, such engrained Asian personality characteristics as docility and submissiveness towards authority backfire in the modern business environment," he said.

Mazzlan Asmuni, the 25-year-old head of a real estate firm specializing in work for expatriates, said his initial contacts with Westerners left him so "ill at ease" he sought help from an agency. "Frankly my whole image needed upgrading," Asmuni said. "So I got the works."

One of the baggy pants and pale shirts with matching trousers. Instead Asmuni wears dark tailored slacks with light shirts and conservative ties for the "successful look."

Burned alive. Crime? Paid too little dowry

By Malcolm Davidson

NEW DELHI, (Reuter): Married at 16 and abused from day one, the Indian woman said she suffered beatings for 19 years before she summoned the courage to get out. She escaped minus the sight of one eye.

But for the intervention of villagers, she is convinced she would have lost her life at the hands of her husband and in-laws.

Hercime?

"It was because my parents could not give enough," she said. "They said I came from a low family to give such a lousy dowry."

The giving or taking of dowry was made illegal in India in 1961 but that has done little to stop the practice.

Hundreds of Indian women are killed each year, many of them suffering horrible deaths after being doused in kerosene and burnt alive, or being driven to suicide.

In many cases the police can never be sure what really happened. In the paragraph or two such deaths rate in India's newspapers, they are usually termed "kitchen accidents."

Delhi police have a special unit staffed by 100 officers devoted to combatting crimes against women.

Greed

Deputy Police Commissioner Vinila Mehta who heads the crime women cell said the cause of 60 per cent of crimes against women is the failure of women's families to satisfy in-laws' insatiable desire for dowry cash and gifts.

Women's groups blame the passionate desire for consumer goods that many families can satisfy only by getting as much as possible in dowry for marrying their sons.

Dowry can range in value from Rs 200 to 500,000 rupees (\$15 to 40,000), depending on the bridegroom's worth. In simple terms, a doctor is worth more than an engineer.

An anti-dowry advertising campaign in the Indian newspapers shows a picture of a young man with a "For sale" notice across his chest.

Studies show that dowry demands coming on top of the huge cost of lavish Indian weddings are often out of proportion to a family's ability to pay and can cause economic ruin.



A 24-year-old woman lies in hospital with burns after she was set alight by her in-laws for not paying enough dowry. (Reuter wirephoto)

to a full-time Saheli worker who asked to be identified only as Liz. For an Indian woman and her parents a broken marriage is a disgrace and they will do anything to avoid the social stigma.

Liz said up to 10 women a day come into Saheli from Delhi and outside the city suffering from abuse.

"It is usually physical abuse," she said. "It may be just a bruise or two or it could be eyes hanging out on her cheek. But mental damage can be even worse."

In the first 11 months of 1987

there were 224 unnatural deaths of women in Delhi, according to the police.

Nine of them were murder, said Mehra, and 31 were reportedly as dowry deaths under which a husband or relative can be held responsible for a woman's death if they are shown to have treated her cruelly.

However, a study prepared by the Centre for Social Research in New Delhi, said there were very many more cases than police statistics showed.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1562 — Michel de L'Hopital promulgates edict of St Germain, which recognizes Huguenots in France.
- 1595 — France's King Henry IV declares war on Spain.
- 1601 — Treaty of Lyons between France, Spain and Savoy; capital of Spain is transferred from Madrid to Valladolid.
- 1656 — Treaty of Koenigsberg between Sweden and Brandenburg.
- 1759 — Holy Roman Empire declares war on Prussia.
- 1852 — Sand River convention establishes South African republic of Transvaal.
- 1945 — Soviet troops and Polish patriot forces liberate Warsaw, more than five years after it fell to Nazi Germany in World War II.
- 1948 — Netherlands and Republic of Indonesia sign truce.
- 1959 — Federal state of Malai is formed by union of republics of Sengal and French Sudan.
- 1967 — Indonesia's Foreign Minister Adam Malik tells President Sukarno to resign or face alternative of being brought down in dishonor.
- 1987 — Iraq claims that air force squadron bombed headquarters of Ayatollah Khomeini in Tehran.

IN FOCUS

The world today



A ROMAN column dating from the second century AD was pulled out of the Tiber River at Fiumara near Ostia, Jan 12. The column of African marble was found 10 years ago but could only be retrieved now by modern technology. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE President Corazon Aquino lights a candle as she calls for peace during a campaign rally on Friday for her candidate on Monday's local elections. (Reuter wirephoto)



ANSHITA ARYA FAR (left) kisses her mother as her sister Mitra (right) looks on. The two students share this joyful reunion after leaving hospital today where they spent the night upon their arrival from Gabon on Thursday. The two students were expelled by the French government last December 8, with fellow Iranian opposition Mujahedin group members who then began a hunger strike that ended upon their return. (Reuter wirephoto)



TANKS with troops loyal to Army Chief of Staff General Dante Caridi move among normal highway traffic on their way to the military school in Buenos Aires on Friday. The tanks were mobilised from the Magdalena military base 80 km south of Buenos Aires, to dissuade rebel Lieutenant Colonel Aido Rico, who led a military rebellion last Easter and is now challenging the authority of Caridi, who said he would use "blood and fire if necessary" to suppress Rico and his supporters. (Reuter wirephoto)



A BLACK servant holding a funeral programme weeps outside a hall where about 1,000 people — all white — attended a service for her former boss, South African right-wing ex-cabinet minister Connie Mulder. (Reuter wirephoto)



PALESTINIAN women and children from an east Lebanon refugee camp surround Palestinian deportee Hussam Hadar near the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) headquarters in the village of Ksara in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley on Friday. Some 100 Palestinian women and children welcomed four Palestiniens expelled from Israel on Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)



ABOUT 200 beds stand on the track of Munich's Olympic stadium late Thursday to promote an open-air concert of the British pop group "Pink Floyd" and their newest record "Momentary Lapse of Reason." (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher welcomes His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Nu'izzad Din Waddaulah of Brunei on his arrival at her official residence in London at No.10 Downing Street for talks. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE top three finishers of the women's World Cup downhill (all Swiss) left to right: Michela Fligni, 2nd; Maria Walliser, 1st; Brigitte Gerli, 3rd. (Reuter wirephoto)



A WOMAN carries a plastic basket on her head in the empty Belaire Market in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti yesterday morning. The streets of the capital were mostly deserted after an opposition coalition opposing tomorrow's presidential elections called for a general strike and a boycott of the elections. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOVIET delegation to the Geneva disarmament talks address a press conference in Geneva on Friday. Left to right are: Alexey Obukhov head of the Soviet delegation, Eugeny Makeyev and Youry Nazarkine, delegate to the disarmament talks. (Reuter wirephoto)



MOTHER tapir Eve keeps a protective eye on her baby, Chico at the London Zoo. It was the baby's first trip outside since being born on December 29. The baby will only keep her stripes for six months before becoming brown in colour. (Reuter wirephoto)



THOUSANDS of students carrying banners and flags demonstrate through the streets of Rome yesterday protesting Israel's policy in the occupied territories. (Reuter wirephoto)

Stonemasons transform 'screaming anachronism'

Gothic art in Harlem

By James L. Tyson

NEW YORK: Ruben Gibson chisels a medieval saint in limestone with a clear staccato ring, beating an unlikely refrain above his Harlem neighbor.

Mr Gibson also carves gargoyle and other figures for the Cathedral of St John the Divine, bringing Gothic art from 12th-century Europe to this area, which includes Columbia University on one side, Morningside Park on the other, and overlooks Harlem and the rest of upper Manhattan.

Along with 14 other stonemasons from depressed New York City communities, he is part of renewed construction after a 38-year hiatus on the world's largest Gothic cathedral, dubbed by New Yorkers "St John the Unfinished."

For seven years Gibson has made a living sculpturing birds, beasts, and vines into some of the 24,000 stones for the cathedral's two west towers as part of a \$30 million building project.

The stonemasons are transforming what the Right Rev. Paul Moore Jr calls a "screaming anachronism" — the cathedral! — into a "weave of social conscience with the historical, religious, and architectural aspects of Christianity."

The stonemasons' training and industry exemplify the

ideal of merging socialism activism with Christian tradition, says Bishop Moore, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. The cathedral, which already sponsors concerts, art exhibits, and resident artists like high-wire acrobat Philippe Petit, has sought to emulate a cathedral's traditional role in medieval Europe as the centre of local culture and folk arts.

Church officials say the stonemasons, who come from local neighbourhoods that annually benefit from some \$1 million worth of cathedral-sponsored social programmes, are giving something lasting to the community. Alan Bird, the British-born foreman of the project, recalls earlier workers "who died this century and last century dreaming that the cathedral would be complete." His aim is to ensure that the stonemasons continue that tradition of craftsmanship.

Distance

From 1892 until 1911, stonemasons constructed a Romanesque crossing and high altar for the Harlem Heights cathedral. The death of the architect prompted a five-year hiatus and a switch to the Gothic style for the nave. Church leaders halted construction again in 1941 with the outbreak of World War II, and the cathedral sat neglected on its bluff overlooking Harlem until 1979.

With the high altar 601 feet from the rose window — nearly 200 feet farther than the distance from home plate to the centrefield wall at Yankee Stadium — most services are conducted in the crossing around a portable altar closer to the congregation. Above this altar the ceiling rises high enough to fit the 152-foot-tall Statue of Liberty under its central Romanesque dome.

Although Mr Bird says the unfinished cathedral is "too perpendicular and too well-proportioned and shaped" to match the irregular, "man-made" beauty of its European counterparts, master stonemason Nicholas Fairplay adds that the "cathedral has energy because it's unfinished."

"It looks like a huge, growing organism," said Mr Fairplay, one of three Britons guiding the project. Cut and carved by local hands in three phases over nearly a century, the cathedral has avoided the "wedding cake" appearance of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., scheduled for completion in 1989 after 82 years of construction, he says.

While the first builders of the cathedral shaped stone assembly-line fashion, the British artisans have encouraged their American apprentices to work with one block until its completion. In the carving shed, five sculptors consult photographs of European cathedrals, perhaps studying a dancing peasant woman at Cologne or a snarling lion at Chartres.

Then they critique one another's carving "to make sure we stay with the Gothic style," says Gibson, the senior journeyman stonemason. Chiseling in the Gothic motif, they create a wide variety of beasts, human figures, and plants.

The stonemasons, working in the large metal warehouse known as the cutting room, avoid the use of modern-day pneumatic drills and sanders. Instead, they shape the stone the way medieval workers did, by hand, using chisels, with each worker leaving his own distinctive fretting on the stone called "boasting."

Ruben Gibson carves stone details at New York City's St John the Divine Cathedral.

Bird agrees that the cathedral has helped many of the workers earn a steady living in the midst of barbs ghetto life. But he says observers often "make a big deal about the theatrics of the church employing young people from this area who otherwise would be out of work."

"They're professionals, and there's no point getting so excited about their past," says Bird, who was also the master stonemason and foreman of a project to renew Wells Cathedral in Somerset, England.

"You don't want a cathedral to represent the kind of conveyor type of world people go to church to get away from," Bird says.

The journeymen stonemasons may leave a personal mark on the stone, but like the workers before them they probably will not see the cathedral completed. They plan to finish the south tower by St John's Day, Dec. 27, 1992, 100 years after the ground-breaking, and put the last stone to the royal gallery and north tower in 1998.

But with the much larger north and south transepts and central tower still just part of the gift shop model, the work will go on well into the next century. Bird aims to start recruiting the children of the workers, particularly the nine-year-old son of Jose Tapia, the senior journeyman stonemason.

Surrounded by stonemasons chipping a way at rock in a quick, high melody, Mr Tapia, a 27-year-old son of Spanish Harlem, says of his son: "I hope he picks it up — I pray to God he picks it up."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



The Federal Republic of Germany and the GDR are exchanging works of art "evacuated" from their original art galleries or museums during World War II. Edward Munch's "Portrait of Dr Linde," 1904, is to be returned from Munich to the GDR.



Building project foreman removes dust from stone carving.

BONN: (DAD) The two German states are engaged in a comprehensive exchange of works of art. Museums and repositories in the Federal Republic of Germany are to return 140 paintings to the GDR, while 290 paintings are to be returned to the Federal Republic by the GDR. Paintings due to be exchanged are unofficially estimated to be worth DM200m.

Visitors to the Wiesbaden Städtisches Museum will soon be able to admire Tischbein's "Portrait of a Young Lady," which was evacuated from Hesse during the war, while Lukas Cranach the Elder's "Judgment of Paris" is to be returned to the Staatliche Galerie in Dessau, GDR. It was stored in the Harz as a World War II fire raid precaution.

The way was paved for the exchange in a minute to the May 1986 intra-German arts agreement: "The contracting parties declare themselves ready, within the means at their disposal, to seek solutions with regard to art treasures evacuated during the war." A Bonn government official in

charge of the arrangements says: "Everything is to be returned to its original location." The two sides agreed in November 1986 to an exchange of archive material. Paintings, drawings and prints are now to be exchanged, leaving sculpture and scientific collections relocated for safety's sake during the war to be returned to their original location.

As part of the exchange of paintings mainly second-rate works are to be returned to the Schlossmuseum in Darmstadt, the Wallraf-Richartz-Museum in Cologne and the Städtisches Museum in Wiesbaden. Works by Anselm Feuerbach and Louis Corinth stand out among the westbound works of art. A number of very valuable works, including woodcuts by Albrecht Dürer and paintings by Lukas Cranach the Elder, were returned to Cologne by Edward and Max Liebermann,

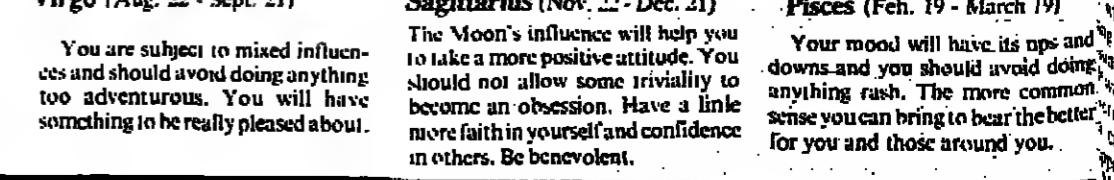
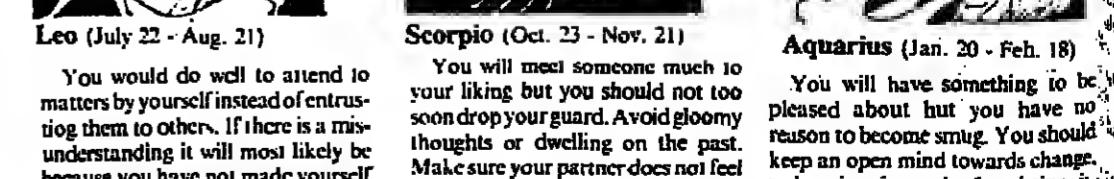
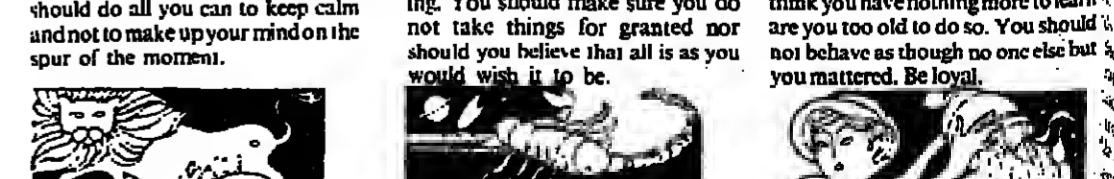
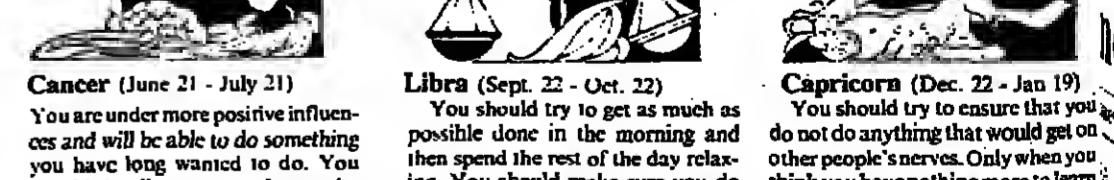
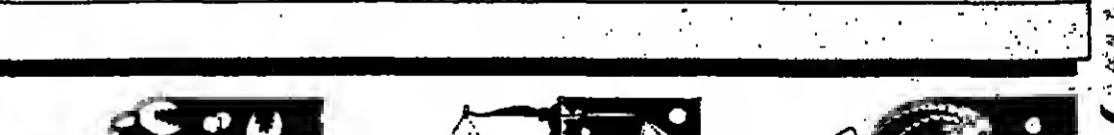
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Critics in the Federal Republic of Germany have claimed that works to be returned to museums in the GDR are almost all paintings restored at great expense, whereas items to be returned to the West have in some cases been found, on closer scrutiny at their GDR location, to be in very poor condition.

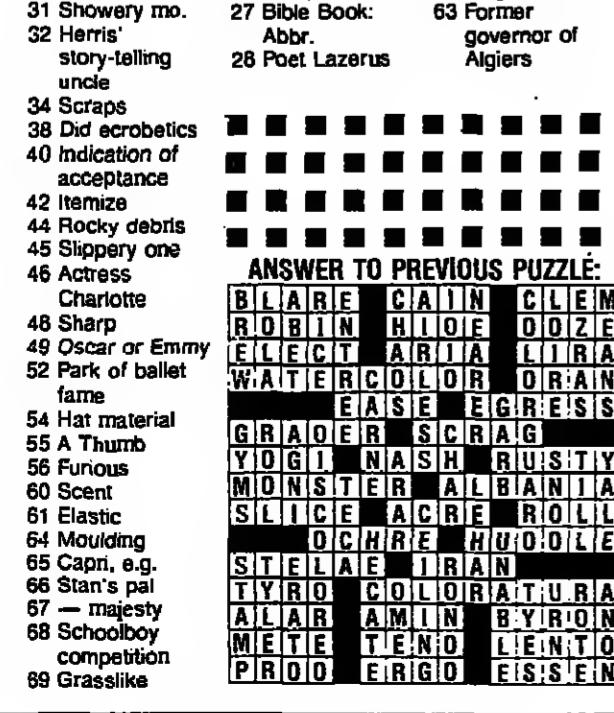
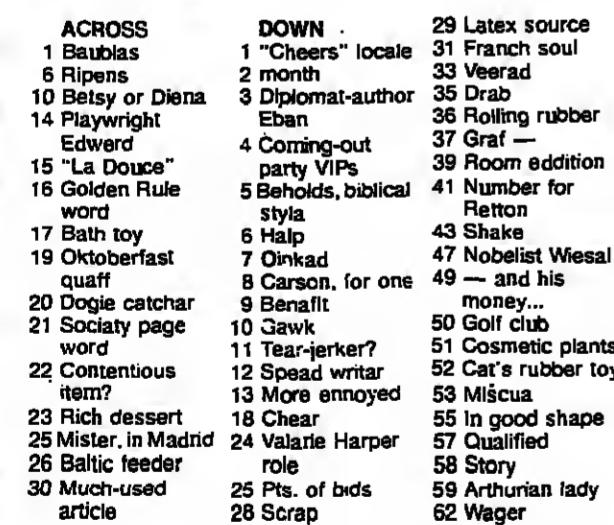
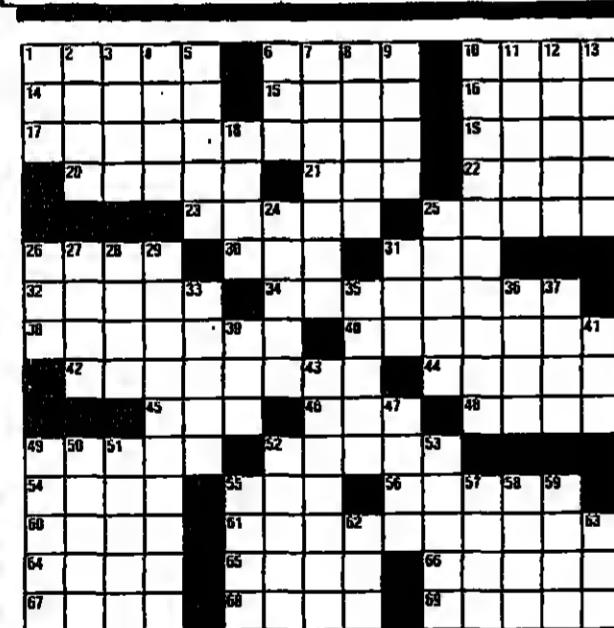
Exchanges of archive material have included the return of the document founding Rostock University to the Schwerin state archives and the return to Lübeck of the 1226 letter patent in which Holy Roman Emperor Friedrich II granted the city freedom of the Reich. In another move a medieval altar by Albrecht Dürer and paintings by Lukas Cranach the Elder, by Edward and Max Liebermann,

Germans exchange displaced art works

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TRICK OR TREAT?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ 6 2

7 9

♦ A K Q J 9 7 6 2

♦ K 4

WEST

♦ 9 8 7 5 4

7 6 2

Q 3

8 3

♦ Q 10

♦ A J 9 8 7 6 5 3

EAST

♦ J 3

7

♦ K 10 8 5 4

10 4

♦ 2

SOUTH

♦ A K Q 10

7 K 10 8 S 4

10 4

♦ 2

The bidding:

South West North East

2 Pass 6 Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

Experts argue about the effectiveness of leading an ace against a slam. The conventional wisdom is that, if your opponents know what they are doing, they are unlikely to be off two fast tricks, so leading an ace is more likely to help than hinder them. Since you will catch only air with your ace, you could be assisting the enemy in setting up a suit.

That holds true for rubber bridge.

But what about duplicate, where not cashing an ace could result in your going to bed with it? As a result, you might allow your opponents to score an overtrick and, perhaps, a top.

It might seem that that would make no difference. But when dummy's king lost to the ace, East elected to play his partner for a singleton club rather than declarer. After a club return, the rest of the tricks were the declarer's. Note that, had the lead been the ace of hearts, the club shift would have been easy to find.

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score. More and more players are recommending that it is wise to take tricks while you can.

This hand is from a recent duplicate event, and the West hand was held by a professional programmer, bridge teacher and writer, Harold Feldheim of Hamden, Conn., who is among the proponents of leading an ace against a slam. Here he chose to ignore his own advice, and watch what happened.

South's two diamond opening bid was the Flannery convention, which usually shows specifically four spades and five hearts. There is no hook to tell you how to handle break hands, so North took a stab at the diamond slam.</



Imelda Hayasaki (18) with her Japanese husband Masaki (40) a week after their marriage.

Japanese men adapt Philippines ways

By Nao Nakanishi

Masaki gather mushrooms and wild vegetables.

OKURA, Japan. (Reuters): A Japanese village that has arranged 11 marriages between young women from the Philippines and lonely local bachelors has attracted nationwide attention from its citizens where females are scarce.

But the village councillor who master-minded the campaign warns that many problems lurk behind the attempt to build cross-cultural marital bliss, especially when couples at first cannot even talk to each other.

"There is a danger of the Filipinas becoming prey to the money Japanese men have," match-making councillor Shigeo Mori said.

Okura village, in the mountains of northern Japan, has had over 300 enquiries from elsewhere in the country about the marriages. Professional marriage-brokers are also interested.

"The Philippines is a multi-cultural society and young Filipina girls seem to decide to marry almost casually, as if it were only the next village," Mori said.

Realize

"Only later do they realize that their view of the kind Japanese men they first meet and their hopes for a higher standard of living are to some extent an illusion," he said.

But Mori and the rest of Okura village have put a lot of effort into making the women feel at home and so far there are no serious problems.

Nine out of the 11 women who have arrived in the past year are already pregnant.

"After overcoming the first difficulties, they have started to enjoy," Mori said.

"Everybody is very kind and I am happy," said Imelda Hayasaki, 18, who arrived in September from Bicol village in the north of the main Philippine island of Luzon, a week after meeting her 43-year-old husband there.

"Only the food and the language are difficult," she added as she knelt Japanese-style on the living room tatami mat, a cup of Japanese tea steaming in front of her.

She lives with her husband and parents-in-law in a farmhouse in the mountains above Okura, surrounded by fields and woods where she helps her husband,

FILIPINO women who are being lured by matchmakers into marriage with West Germans may be better off abandoning the prospect.

That they could be stepping into a life of degradation, enslavement and regret, as has been reported by the press many times before, is once again attested in a West German.

Joachim Heimrath, 37, was in the Philippines recently to wage a personal campaign against so-called marriage bureaus, and to continue to urge the West German Government to do something about the problem.

Mr Heimrath, who recently met with members of the Stop Trafficking of Filipinas (STOP), says he was head of three language schools in Germany. But because of his campaign against the exploitation of Filipino women, he was "pressured" into leaving Germany.

His action, which included writing some 25,000 letters to political parties, politicians, institutions and individuals, has "embarrassed" his Government, says Mr Heimrath.

He says the German press used to be full of stories of Filipino and other Asian women falling into all sorts of sorry situations because of the matchmaking ploy. But such is no longer "hot" news as the stories have become commonplace.

He cautions Filipino women against believing the rosy picture that may be painted by other women who have gone to Germany to marry. "Of course no one would admit to leading a dog's life. Some girls get mentally broken," he says.

Claims

Mr Heimrath claims that in German society, marriage to a Filipina, an Asian, brings one several notches down in social status. "That is because our society looks at Asian women as 'dirty' socially." Thus a respectable German is not likely to go looking for an Asian bride if his intention is to treat her as his equal.

But why do marriage bureaus thrive?

Asians are now the attraction for Germans, according to Mr Heimrath. The clients are told

Usually, they are unable to find "suitable" partners among their compatriots, many of whom no longer want to put up with "doormat" treatment, say the reports.

Besides, Mr Heimrath adds, a foreigner is easier to boot out of the house when she no longer fills a need or stops conforming to one's wishes. About 50 per cent of mixed marriages end up in divorce, he says.

Worse still, everything works against the foreigner spouse. Because she became a German citizen only by virtue of her marriage, divorce strips her of her citizen status and with this rights. If there are children, they go to the husband.

"Whatever you do, you're stuck," Mr Heimrath points out.

Immigration laws also work in the men's favour. Foreigners can enter and stay in Germany for three months without a visa. So within this period, a German spouse-seeker can make up his mind if the girl he "bought" from the matchmaker or marriage bureau is worth marrying. Otherwise, he can "kick her out and the police finish the job by expelling the girl from the country."

A STOP member has pointed out that non-requirement of a visa works against the girls since the Philippine embassy could not trace them unless they themselves volunteer a visit to the embassy.

Mr Heimrath, who undertook his own investigation of marriage bureaus in Germany by posing as a customer, admonishes Filipino women "to have more pride in themselves" by rejecting the bed-of-roses kind of life wangled by these entities.

Some Germans who set up marriage bureaus lead the women to believe that theirs is a respectable agency. One bureau head which Mr Heimrath "did business with," he says, is actually a soft drinks delivery man.

He also reveals that matchmaking agents usually have a Filipina for a wife. One agent he approached had a sister-in-law in the Philippines who did the fraud. But he defended his transgressions thus: "When a contract (such as the sale of human beings) is immoral, it is not binding."

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that the girls are "sexual acrobats."

At the same time, the man gets the assurance that his bride is a "virgin," although sexual prowess and virginity seem hard to reconcile.

But the underlying attraction probably lies in the fact that the wife-seeker is convinced he is getting someone to do his bidding from pinching his shoes to pleasing him in bed.

The so-called marital adjustment is one-way, says Mr Heimrath. It is the girl who has to fit into the man's life, whims and schedules and all.

Also, Filipino women are easy on the pocket. She only gets an allowance and only according to the husband's estimate of what she needs.

Mr Heimrath explains the German male's lack of sympathy for his Asian bride by the fact that Germans usually know nothing about life in the Third World. They do not appreciate the sacrifice an Asian woman makes when she leaves her country almost in desperation, only because she hopes to bail her family out of poverty or to give her younger siblings better chance in life. "German men only know that Filipina women can be made to do anything," says Mr Heimrath.

Previous news reports on the mail-order bride business reveal that German men who seek a wife among Asians are usually middle-aged with set and conservative views on how spouses should relate to each other.

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Filipina recruit of the couple to escape a ruinous fate. A schoolteacher in Micro-Manila, the woman was told by the agent's local contact that Filipina women are needed for office work in Germany.

She might have to enter into a fake marriage to prolong her stay, she was told, but she will not be forced into co-habiting if she does not want to. Anyway, as she will be provided with two-way air tickets, she can always fly back to the Philippines if things do not turn out to her liking.

When the woman reached Germany, the Filipina who promised to meet her was away somewhere "on important business." The woman was herded to the house of her prospective "husband" who luckily had a sister in the house who somehow was a deterrent to any ill intentions. The newcomer felt lost and wretched, however, especially as no one would or could talk to her in English. It was then that her host agreed to enroll her in Mr Heimrath's language school.

Tales

Hearing all kinds of "improbable tales" from the "husband," Mr Heimrath decided to believe the girl and to help her.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Norway and Soviet Union discuss oil cooperation

OSLO, Jan 16, (Opecna): Norway and the Soviet Union, both non-OPEC oil producers, might look into ways of establishing oil cooperation, though a closer examination of the subject was necessary, according to Egil Hille, spokesman at the Norwegian Ministry of Oil and Energy.

He told Opecna today that although the question was raised at a meeting here this morning between Norwegian Oil and Energy Minister Arne Oien and his visiting Soviet counterpart Vasily Dinkov, nothing solid was decided.

"Discussions on the subject of oil cooperation between Norway and the Soviet Union was actually more in the nature of thinking aloud," he said, adding that although the Soviet visitor had expressed an interest in secondary recovery techniques, the oil extraction scene varied in the two countries.

"Our oil activities are primarily offshore, while those of the Soviet Union are land-bound," he said.

Dinkov is currently here accompanying Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who is on a three-day official visit.

The Soviet minister was also reported to have proposed an exchange of information with Norway on developments in the oil market.

Austrian aid to Third World 'gloomy'

VIENNA, Jan 16, (Opecna): Official Austrian development aid to Third World countries was described here today as "gloomy" by Erich Andrik, director of the Vienna Institute for Development.

In an interview with Opecna, Andrik said unless enough funds were raised, the current development assistance rate of 0.21 per cent of GNP would "nose dive" to 0.12 per cent next year.

The United Nations set a target of 0.70 per cent of a country's GNP in 1975, 1982, which few OECD countries have met. On the other hand, Opec countries have exceeded the UN level many times over.

Earlier, Austria's Foreign Minister Alois Mock stated that Austria had fallen far behind in development aid and needed to improve its performance.

The Austria Press Agency (APA) quoted him as telling a press conference that Austria was last among OECD donor nations.

Responding to a question about the country's representation in Africa, the minister said direct aid was given to the poorest of the poor in Third World countries.

According to Mock, "food and emergency aid together with contributions to education" are more vital.

Ms Waltraud Horvath, an Austrian member of parliament, called here on Wednesday for a substantial increase in Austrian budget funds for development aid and urged a separation between aid and export credits by the government to Austrian firms.

Horvath, who is also a member of the Foreign Ministry's development aid council, criticised plans for restructuring development aid.

Chinese city offers business opportunity to foreigners

BEIJING, Jan 16, (AP): The Chinese coastal city of Fuzhou has announced that foreign businessmen will be allowed to buy or hold shares in some state-owned enterprises, a newspaper said today.

The official China Daily said foreigners have never before been invited to own part or all of a Chinese state-run business.

City Communist Party Secretary Yuan Qitong was quoted as having said yesterday that foreign businessmen may buy shares in large state-owned corporations and can appoint their own managers. They also will be encouraged to buy small and medium-sized enterprises, he said.

Yuan said the city would auction off both poorly managed and money-making enterprises.

The decision to invite foreign participation in state-owned firms came after Communist Party General-Secretary Zhao Ziyang visited the city earlier this month and urged local officials to "open wider" in promoting economic reforms.

Weekly Wall Street report

Computer-driven stock trading back in spotlight

NEW YORK, Jan 16, (AP): Three months after the crash of 1987, the controversy over computer-driven stock trading remains as intense as ever on Wall Street.

After the stockmarket sent a chill through the investment world with a sharp drop on Jan 8, critics said programme traders were to blame. The New York Stock Exchange decided this past week to experiment with curtailing programme activity in sessions when the market experiences wide swings.

Trepidation

After the Dow Jones industrial average rose 113 points in the first four sessions of 1988, and then fell 140 the next day, many Wall Streeters began the past week in a mood of trepidation.

As it turned out, the big drop wasn't the immediate prelude to a reply of Black Monday Oct 19. Nevertheless, many analysts felt less than a sense of total relief.

"This volatility is getting to us all," said Greg Smith at Prudential-Bache Securities in his current commentary on the market.

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Congress may cut spending

US budget deficit estimated to near \$165b

WASHINGTON, Jan 16, (AP):

Early estimates by the Congressional budget office indicate that next year's US government budget deficit could approach \$165 billion, Congressional aides said yesterday.

The preliminary projection, if true, could mean that Congress will have to come up with more spending reductions and revenue increases than they thought would be necessary.

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Output

The US Federal Reserve said production at American factories, mines and utilities edged up just 0.2 per cent in December as widespread gains in many industries were offset by a sharp drop in the production of autos.

The December advance followed gains of 0.4 per cent in November and 1.1 per cent in October.

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Kuwait buys shares of major European firms

PARIS, Jan 16, (Kuna): Kuwait, one of the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), pursued its foreign investments policy throughout 1987, setting up a petro distribution network in Europe and buying shares into leading European groups, according to the 1987 economic and social survey released by 'Le Monde'.

The influential daily's annual report on world economy mentioned that Kuwait acquired 10 per cent of British Petroleum (BP) and that it became, at the end of November, the major shareholder of Spain's leading banking group, the Banco Central.

But Kuwait's goal in Spain is not only limited to being a mere shareholder in banking or industrial groups, it wants to set up the largest industrial conglomerate in that country, mainly in the petro-chemical sector, the report said.

Another major event in Kuwait in 1987 was the reflagging of eleven tankers in July in order to protect those vessels from Iranian attacks; after leasing three Soviet tankers to carry Kuwaiti crude, it noted.

The tankers flying the American flag and escorted by US warships made it possible for Kuwait to export its crude in spite of Iranian attacks.

For the fiscal year 1987-1988, the report went on, Kuwait estimated its oil revenues at about \$6.13 billion.

The budget, approved last July, is up by 3.5 per cent compared to the previous one, but for the fifth consecutive year Kuwait is anticipating a deficit of some \$5 billion, according to the report.

In order to cover that deficit, Kuwait has issued, since the end of last year, treasury bonds so as not to have to draw from its reserves, which are estimated at \$8 billion by the National Bank of Kuwait and which, for the first time, are exceeding that of Saudi Arabia, it concluded.

Britain's inflation drops

LONDON, Jan 16, (UPI): Cheaper mortgages helped bring Britain's annual rate of inflation down to 3.7 per cent in December from 4.1 per cent in November—its lowest level for a year, figures from the Department of Employment showed yesterday.

The improvement was due almost entirely to the effect of mortgage rates being cut on Dec 1 by 1 per cent," a department spokesman said.

The department said December also saw lower prices for motor vehicles and petrol, but these were offset by dearer fresh foods.

Employment secretary Norman Fowler welcomed the news, saying "the prospects for the months to come are favourable."

Foreign currency selling rates

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Sri Lankan Rupees 9.00%		
Philippine Peso 13.50%		
Malaysian Ringgit 27.05%		
Sterling Pounds 49.50%		
Dhaw Money Market Fund Bid USD.13 10	Offer USD.13 10	
The Islamic Fund Bid USD.50	Offer USD.50	
Golden Investors Bid USD.50%	Offer USD.50%	
US Dollars 1.00%		
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GBP 1.25%		
SFR 3.00%		

Currency rates

FOLLOWING are international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Buying	Selling
US dollar 27559	27698
Sgt. 488068	491916
D.M. 163360	164770
S. fr. 199846	201733
F. fr. 048433	048893
I. lira 0002230	0002260
J. Yen 0021010	0021220
B. dinar .730617	.735084
UAE dir. .075010	.075430
S. riyal .073470	.073881
R. riyal .075648	.076114
O. riyal .714887	.720364

Interest Rates

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Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-1/4	3-13/16
3 months	4-1/2	5
6 months	4-13/16	5-5/16
1 year	5-1/4	5-3/4

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Edberg to meet Stoltenberg

MELBOURNE, Jan 16. (Reuter): Holder Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander led four Swedish seeds into the last 16 of the singles at the Australian Open tennis championships today.

Edberg, a former world junior champion, set up a clash with current world junior number one Jason Stoltenberg of Australia when he overcame American Dan Goldie in a tough 6-4, 7-5, 6-3, third round centre court showdowm.

Drop

Second-seeded Edberg was given his biggest scare so far when he lost six straight games to drop the third set.

"I don't know what happened," said Edberg. "My game went right down and I didn't feel as if I was in the match for a while."

Edberg, winner of the last two Australian Opens, cruised through the first two sets but then lost the rhythm on his serve as Goldie turned up the heat.

It was not until the eighth game of the fourth set, when he broke after a five-deuce game, that Edberg regained control.

Ranked 330 in the world, Stoltenberg beat American Joey Rive

6-2, 6-2, 6-2 and immediately announced he was looking forward to playing Edberg.

"It will be a great experience," he said. "I have never played anyone ranked that high before and to get this far in a Grand Slam tournament is a bonus in itself."

I will go on against Stefan and just play my own game. There is no reason to change it."

Third-seeded Wilander had a much easier task than Edberg, beating compatriot Magnus Gustafsson, winning 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.

Anders Jarryd, the tournament's sixth seed, and 13th-seeded Catarina Lindqvist completed the quarter of Swedish winners.

Jarryd, attempting to fight his way back into the top 10 after overcoming a series of leg injuries, beat little known American Paul Chamberlin 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 and Lindqvist was far too strong for American Robin White, grinding out a 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 win.

World number one Steffi Graf and defending women's champion Hana Mandlikova also completed expected victories with West German unknown Carl-Uwe Steeb notching the only surprise.

Steeb, ranked 51 in the world, upset the eighth-seeded Slobojan Zivojinovic 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 despite the Yugoslav's 18 aces.

Graf had too many guns for American Cammy MacGregor, winning 6-1, 6-2 in a methodical display that did not reach the heights of her second round annihilation of Australian Janine Thompson.

Results

Jason Stoltenberg (Australia) beat Joey Rive (US) 6-2, 6-2, Lori McNeil (US) beat Jenny Byrne (Australia) 6-4, 6-2. Robin Stoltenberg (Sweden) beat Eniko Ober (Hungary) 6-0, 6-0. Paul Shriver (US) beat Nicole Ingemar (Netherlands) 6-3, 6-3. Anne Minter (Australia) beat Carol Christian (US) 6-1, 6-4. Anders Jarryd (Sweden) beat Paul Chamberlin (US) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2. Christian Saezuan (West Germany) beat Michael Stich (Germany) 6-2, 6-1, 7-5. Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Cammy MacGregor (US) 6-1, 6-2. Catarina Lindqvist (Sweden) beat Robin White (US) 6-1, 6-4. Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Australian local Don Goldie (US) 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3. Carl-Uwe Steeb (West Germany) beat Slobojan Zivojinovic (Yugoslavia) 6-4, 7-5, 6-1. John Frawley (Australia) beat Jim Grab (Australia) 6-3, 6-2, 6-7, 14-7. Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat Catherine Taiter (France) 6-4, 6-1. Andre Chastek (Soviet Union) beat Mark Knudsen (Australia) 7-5, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Total of eight wickets, 39 overs, 164 Fall of wickets: 1-52, 7-142, 8-49.

NEW ZEALAND innings

K. Rutherford b Labruyere 1

J. Wright c Ramasayake 2

A. Jones c de Alwis b Ramasayake 2

C. Crowe run out 43

D. Patel c Ramasayake b Ramasayake 1

T. Blain b Ramasayake 17

R. Hadlee not out 21

M. Sneddon not out 18

Extras (b-2 lb-1 w-10) 18

Total (for six wickets, 37.1 overs) 167

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-43, 3-78, 4-90

5-122, 6-139.

Bowling: Hadlee 9-1, 25-0, Morten

6-0, 9-2, Chatfield 9-2, 27-2,

Gillespie 8-0, 39-0, Snedden 7-0, 25-0.

Kuruppu wants to forget Pakistan umpire row



Gatting wants to forget Pakistan umpire row

WELLINGTON, Jan 16. (Reuter): England cricket captain Mike Gatting today shrugged off a report by a Pakistani inquiry commission which called his behaviour in the second Test in Faisalabad unacceptable.

Gatting recently arrived in New Zealand for the start of England's latest tour, said he wanted to forget the whole affair. "It doesn't surprise me what they said. It's all been done. Everyone's written up about it and everyone can have their own opinions," he said in a telephone interview from Christchurch.

"I've really got nothing to say about it — it's all been said as far as I'm concerned and I just want to forget about it."

The report, made public at a news conference in Lahore yesterday, also said that tour manager Peter Lush's criticisms of the umpiring after the first of the three Tests had raised tension.

Finished

Lush told a news conference shortly after the team arrived in Christchurch yesterday that he did not want the matter to go any further.

"As far as I'm concerned, and everybody else here, the Pakistan tour is finished, dead and buried and all that occurred there," Lush said.

The report was compiled by a two-man inquiry commission appointed by the Pakistani cricket board. It criticised Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana for becoming involved in a slanging match with Gatting in the second Test but kept its harshest words for Gatting.

"Mr. Gatting's conduct, irrespective of the provocation, amounted to unacceptable behaviour and cannot be condoned. His conduct went beyond dissent and damaged the dignity and authority of the umpire," it said.

The quarrel came close to causing the cancellation of the Pakistan tour and has left a lot of bad feeling between the two countries' cricketing establishments.

Shakoor refused to continue until Gatting apologised and more than a day's play was lost before he obliged, under orders from England's Test and County Cricket Board.

Yesterday Lush confirmed that Gatting had received a letter of regret from Shakoor but it had not been made public because it did not amount to an apology.

The trouble began during the first Test in November in Lahore, won by Pakistan. A number of umpiring decisions were disputed bitterly by the England batsmen and in one incident opener Chris Broad refused to leave the field for a time after being given out.

Pre-planned

Lush told later to a comment from the Pakistani cricket board president Ghulam Safdar Butt, who said it appeared England's "moaning and groaning in Pakistan was pre-planned".

Lush said: "It's disappointing to see such a suggestion made . . . England teams just don't do that sort of thing."

"My understanding of the inquiry was that it was on the basis of a fully confidential report, the findings of which would not be made public without consultation with the Test and County Cricket Board."

"It was also understood that the report would have recommendations aimed at stopping future incidents with no attempt to apportion blame."

Kiwis qualify for World Series finals

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 16. (Reuter): New Zealand, fined for slow play, beat Sri Lanka by four wickets with 11 balls to spare in the latest World Series Cup match today.

The result, revenge for a surprise defeat by the tournament's whipping boys in Hobart four days ago, guaranteed the New Zealanders a place in the finals with Australia.

The two play tomorrow in what now amounts to a dress rehearsal for the best-of-three finals.

Fined

Set to win, New Zealand made 167 for six, Richard Hadlee notching the winning runs with a lofted on-drive.

New Zealand, however, were fined \$1,300 for bowling only 39 of the allotted 43 overs in the rain-shortened match.

Sent in to bat, Sri Lankan openers Brendon Kuruppu and Krishan Mahanama put on 52 for the first wicket before Mahanama was caught behind.

Kuruppu went on to make top score of 47, but tight bowling by Hadlee and Ewen Chatfield generally kept Sri Lanka in check, although Kuruppu and Aravinda de Silva (25) did add a quickfire 43 in 29 minutes.

New Zealand started badly.

Hubara outclass Hawks

of the Hawks' bowlers, repeatedly hitting the seam and beating the bat.

In the Hawks' innings, wickets fell regularly and the run-rate slowed down to the tight bowling from James (six overs for 17), Devereil and Flower. Ralph de Neve (five for 32) wrapped the game for Hubara with three wickets in two overs. Only Sarwar (31) looked dangerous but by the contest was over.

The Rahim League team was

heading for a Hubara-Evergreen showdown on March 24 provided neither team makes an unexpected mistake in the penultimate match.

Rajasthan overwhelm Crown

RAJASTHAN defeated Crown Cricket Club by 31 runs in a Pak Sarhad Tournament match on Friday.

Rajasthan won the toss and

elected to bat. They were soon in trouble losing their first three wickets with only 23 runs on the board. John then repaired the damage by scoring 47 before he was run out but not before he took the Rajasthan score past 100.

Arshad came in and scored a quick 28 as Rajasthan scored 130 for the loss of six wickets in their 25 allotted overs.

In reply, Crown found things difficult for them against the accurate bowling from Mohammed Umer who captured five wickets. Umer also claimed a hat-trick as Crown folded for 99.

Hannan and Farooque gave some valuable support to Umer taking two wickets each.

Pervez was the top-scorer for Crown with 49.

Shield cricket

SYDNEY, Jan 16. (Reuter): Second day close scores in Sheffield Shield cricket matches:

In Devonport: Tasmania 151, South Australia 158; in Seven (D. Hookes 132, W. Phillips 85 D. Liles was second).

In Perth: Queensland 303 (G. Ritchie 76, I. Botham 70, R. Kerr 59 P. Capes four for 87, T. Alderman four for 87); Western Australia 236 for five (G. Wood 61).

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Pakistan rout Soviets for hockey crown

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 16. (Reuter): Olympic champions Pakistan beat the Soviet Union 3-0 to win the Indira Gandhi Hockey Gold Cup today.

It was Pakistan's first major triumph since the Olympics and the young side served a warning they will be a major force at the Seoul Olympics.

After early Soviet pressure, Pakistan took the lead in the 12th minute, Zahid Sharif shooting home after intercepting a pass.

Shabbir Ahmad made it 2-0 in the 26th minute when he scooped home from the top of the circle after collecting a pass from Zahid.

Pakistan, who lost in the 1986 Asian Games final to South Korea, resumed their attack in the second half but could only score once, in the 60th minute when Waseem Ferzal dribbled past two Russian defenders to seal the match.

In the third place playoff, South Korea beat New Zealand 3-2 after trailing 1-0 at halftime.

India finished fifth, ahead of Malaysia, Kenya and Spain.

Kuwait car rally intended as ultimate test of driver

Johnson runs world 50-yard best

HAMILTON, Ontario, Jan 16. (Reuter): Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson powered his way to a world indoor best in the 50-yard dash last night, winning in 5.20 seconds at the Hamilton Spectator Indoor Games.

Johnson's time eclipsed the previous world record of 5.22 seconds, set on Jan. 22, 1982 by American Stanley Floyd.

In the women's 50-yard dash, Canadian Angela Bailey upset compatriot Angella Issajenko with a time of 5.81. Issajenko, the world indoor record holder over 50 metres, had a poor start and finished third in 5.87. Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert was second in 5.84.

Canada's Julie Rocheleau won the women's 50-metre hurdles in 8.84 over compatriot Karen Nelson who turned in a 6.89 clocking. American Kim Turner-McKenzie was third in 7.04.

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fast," Johnson said with a giggle.

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"Things are coming into place right now. This is my first race of the season," he added. "To break world record, it looks good for the summer."

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The 50-yard indoor distance is considered a world indoor best rather than a world record because the distance is rarely run.

Johnson finished ahead of Americans Brian Cooper in 5.25 and Lee McNeil in 5.37.

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SPORTS

Quezon City improve position

QUEZON CITY were awarded maximum points in their game against Navotas when their opponents failed to turn up at the First Non-pro Filipino Bowling League game on Thursday the Club 300.

With these four points, Quezon City improved their position in the standings and moved up to 10th place.

In the meantime, Edwin Nepomuceno of the Valenzuela team took the honours in the Men's High Game with a score of 217 pinsfalls. In the Men's High Game, Bob Peek of Manila grossed a total of 584 pinsfalls to clinch the top place.

Gloria Estandarte of Pasay City rolled 204 pinsfalls to set a new mark in the Women's High Game, breaking the old record of 201. She became the second woman bowler to join the 200 Club.

Baby Militante of Mandaluyong captured the Women's High Series with a score of 496.

Tony Lacson of Pasay City and Roger Sahado of Caloocan City took the Men's High Average games with scores of 179 and 177 respectively. In the Women's High Average, Gloria Estandarte and Tonette Arizabal of Manila came out on top with scores of 164 and 158 respectively.

In the other games held this week, Manila dowed Paranaque 4-0. Pasay City crushed Malabon 4-0. Caloocan City beat Marikina 3-1. Pasig defeated Valenzuela 3-1 and Mandaluyong thrashed Makati GMBH 4-0.

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NBA games

NEW YORK, Jan 16. (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

Philadelphia	119	New York	104
Boston	122	Sacramento	86
Seattle	97	Cleveland	86
Indiana	112	San Antonio	108
Seattle	124	Utah	105
Golden State	123	Clippers	116

ALDRIDGE AND BEARDSLEY SCORE FOR LEADERS**Liverpool stretch unbeaten run to 23**

LONDON, Jan 16. (Reuters): John Aldridge, the man Liverpool signed to replace Ian Rush, scored his 20th goal of the season in a 2-0 win against Arsenal today as the English First Division leaders stretched their unbeaten run to 23 games.

And while Rush continues to struggle in Italy, Aldridge, who cost £850,000 (\$1.5 million) from Oxford, maintained his excellent scoring record with a 45th minute goal seen by a television audience of 250 million in 55 countries.

Best
Although Aldridge received the acclaim of the crowd, Steve McMahon — the best uncapped player in England — was the architect behind the move when he controlled an awkward ball on the right touchline and evaded a sliding tackle in one motion.

McMahon then released England forward Peter Beardsley with a perfectly-weighted chipped pass and although Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic saved his first drive, Aldridge was handily placed to turn the ball.

Beardsley later put his name on the scoreline with a superb solo goal on the hour when he picked up a loose ball 10 metres outside the Arsenal penalty area.

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Rakad scores another win

A SECOND triumph by Lieutenant Rakad Al Dophere at the Dubai Horse Show yesterday added to Kuwait's celebrations as the biggest showjumping event in the Middle East headed for a thrilling climax.

With his intentions clear from the start, Rakad sped around the jump-off course on Liwice in the Port Rashid Authority Intermediate Open Stakes for a superb clear round in 34.33 seconds.

Followed

That was enough to see him home, despite a gallant attempt by Kuwait's Lymya Al Essa, who went last on Excite and almost snatched victory with a flawless round in 34.79.

twisted past two scything tackles and flicked an audacious chip over Lukic's head.

The result lifted Liverpool's points haul to 59, 15 more than second-placed Nottingham Forest and, with 17 games remaining, the odds are shortening on the champions-elect completing the 40-match programme unbeaten.

Forest dropped two points when they were held to a 2-2 draw at home by second bottom club Charlton. Robert Lee's and Andy Jones' late goals for the visitors cancelling out earlier efforts by Calvin Plummer and Neil Webb.

Everton, the 1987 champions, took advantage of Arsenal's defeat — and Manchester United's undistinguished 2-0 home loss to Southampton — to move into third place by virtue of an excellent 3-0 victory at Nor-

wich.

Graeme Sharp scored twice and Adrian Heath notched the other but, despite their fine form of late, Everton must fast be losing all hope of making up the 16-point gap which separates them from Liverpool.

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Aldridge: 20th goal

sive in the magnificent oak-panelled manager's room at Old Trafford where Alex Ferguson is under mounting pressure.

Goals from Southampton striker Colin Clarke in the sixth and 74th minutes sent Manchester United tumbling to defeat and a team which can boast the combined talents of Jesper Olsen, Bryan Robson, Norman Whiteside and Gordon Strachan now lie a distant 17 points adrift of Liverpool.

Results
English Division One
Liverpool 2 Arsenal 0

Luton	1	Derby	0	Scottish Premier Division	Aberdeen	1	Dunfermline	0
Manchester U	0	Southampton	2	Celtic	2	Hibernian	0	
Norwich	0	Everton	3	Dundee	0	Dundee U	2	
Notts Forest	2	Charlton	2	Falkirk	3	St Mirren	0	
Portsmouth	2	Oxford	2	Hearts	1	Rangers	1	
O.P.R.	0	West Ham	1	Morton	0	Motherwell	2	
Sheffield Wed	3	Chelsea	0	Scottish Division One	Dumbarton	0	Queen of S	2
Tottenham	2	Coventry	2	Hamilton	1	East Fife	0	
Wimbledon	1	Watford	2	Kilmarnock	3	Clydebank	1	

English Division Two

Aston Villa 1 Ipswich 10

Blackburn 2 Hull 1

Bournemouth 1 Sheffield U 2

Crystal P 2 Huddersfield 1

Leeds 0 Barnsley 2

Middlesbrough 2 West Bromwich 1

Oldham 3 Manchester C 2

Plymouth 3 Leicester 0

Shrewsbury 3 Birmingham 1

Stoke 3 Bradford 0

Swindon (Abandoned after 73 minutes — fog) 0

English Division Three

Aldershot 0 Bury 2

Blackpool 2 Brentford 1

Bristol City 2 Notts County 1

Chesterfield 0 Doncaster 1

Fulham 1 Port Vale 2

Grimsby 2 Chester 1

Northampton 2 Bristol R 1

Nottingham 2 Preston 2

Sheffield 1 Brighton 0

York 0 Gillingham 2

English Division Four

Bolton 1 Torquay 2

Cambridge 2 Burnley 0

Carlisle 0 Cardiff 0

Leyton O 1 Crewe 1

Newport 1 Scunthorpe 0

Rochdale 0 Exeter 0

Swansea 3 Scarborough 0

Wolves 1 Stockport 1

Wrexham 3 Peterborough 1

Standings**English Division One**

P W D L F APts

Liverpool 23 18 5 0 57 11 59

Notts Forest 23 13 5 5 46 21 44

Everton 23 12 7 6 36 16 43

Arsenal 25 12 6 7 36 23 42

Manchester U. 25 11 7 6 38 28 40

Wimbledon 25 11 7 7 30 28 40

QPR 25 10 5 9 32 26 33

Luton 24 10 6 10 26 29 33

Sheffield Wed 25 10 4 11 31 38 34

Tottenham 24 8 7 9 33 36 31

Southampton 24 7 8 9 31 32 30

West Ham 24 7 8 9 31 32 30

Nottingham 25 7 8 9 28 35 29

Newcastle 23 6 7 10 24 38 25

Coventry 25 5 10 24 42 29

Portsmouth 25 6 6 10 24 28 24

Derby 24 7 3 14 23 33 24

Norwich 24 6 5 13 28 46 21

Oxford 24 5 6 17 32 31 21

Watford 24 4 8 12 23 36 20

Charlton 24 4 8 12 17 32 21

SPORTS BRIEFS**Monte Carlo rally underway**

MONTE CARLO, Jan 16. (Reuters): Sixty-two cars left Monaco at noon today for the start of the Monte Carlo rally, opening round of the 1988 world rally championship. Around 120 crews left four other European towns — Bad Homburg in West Germany, Barcelona in Spain, Lausanne in Switzerland and Sestriere in Italy — for the 600 km non-competitive haul to Saint Etienne in central France from where the event begins in earnest tomorrow.

Sportscar designer Donald Healey dies

LONDON, Jan 16. (Reuters): Donald Healey, designer of Britain's famous Austin-Healey sports cars, has died at the age of 89, his family said today.

Walliser leads Fignini in World Cup

ZINAL, Switzerland, Jan 16. (AP): Defending champion Maria Walliser came from behind to edge Michela Fignini in a 1-2-3 Swiss sweep of a women's World Cup downhill race today.

Classic cars leave Hong Kong for China

HONG KONG, Jan 16. (AP): Twenty-three vintage cars departed from Hong Kong for the mountain city of Guilin in southwest China for the Martell Classic Car China Rally.

Mexican GP to be held in May

MEXICO CITY, Jan 16. (Reuters): The 1988 Mexican Formula One Grand Prix auto race will be held on May 2 and not on June 5 as originally announced, race organiser Jose Abed said yesterday.

Challenge an ambush, says Conner

NEW YORK, Jan 16. (Reuters): America's Cup skipper Dennis Conner yesterday accused Michael Fay of trying to stick the deck in New Zealand's favour and called his 1988 challenge a "legalised ambush" of yachting's most prestigious trophy.

Pate retains one-stroke lead

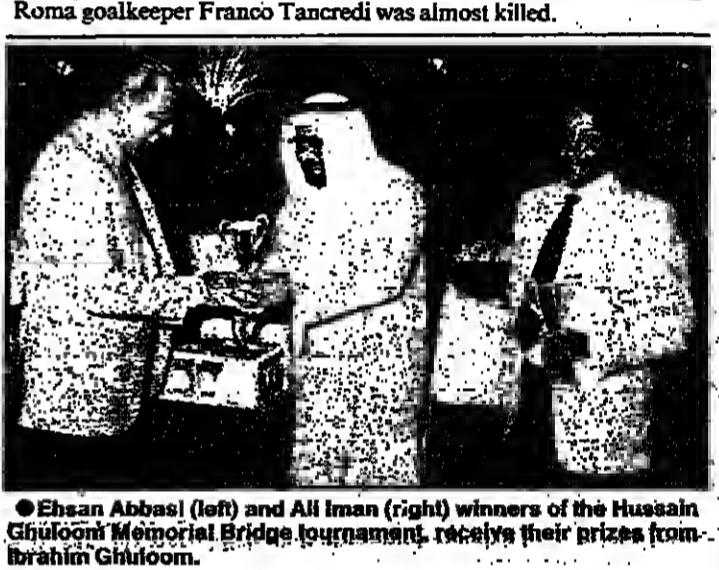
CARLSBAD, California, Jan 16. (Reuters): Steve Pate shot his second consecutive round of six-under-par 66 yesterday for a 12-under-par 132 total and retained his one-stroke lead in \$500,000 Tournament of Champions.

Ardiles turns down offer

LONDON, Jan 16. (AP): English star Ossie Ardiles said yesterday he had turned down an offer to play for a Florida team in a new North American Soccer League. Ardiles said he had decided to stay with First Division Tottenham Hotspur rather than sign with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Italian League upholds decision

MILAN, Jan 16. (Reuters): The Italian Soccer League yesterday upheld an earlier decision to reverse AC Milan's 1-0 First Division victory over Roma last December because of an incident in which Roma goalkeeper Franco Tancredi was almost killed.



●Ehsan Abbas (left) and Ali Iman (right) winners of the Hussain Ghuloom Memorial Bridge tournament, receive their prizes from Ibrahim Ghuloom.

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